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TO AMEMBASSY KHARTOUM IMMEDIATE

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SUBJECT: TENNECO SIX

REFS: (A) KHARTOUM 1341; (B) KHARTOUM 1346

1. DESPITE TENNECO'S WITHDRAWAL FROM KHARTOUM AND DE FACTO BREAK-OFF OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH ZEIN, USG STILL RECOGNIZES ITS OBLIGATION TO DO EVERYTHING FEASIBLE TO SECURE SAFE RETURN OF HOSTAGES, WHICH SHOULD REMAIN OBJECTIVE OF ALL PARTIES CONCERNED. DEPT APPRECIATES POTENTIAL DANGER OF INSERTING LARGER USG PRESENCE IN CONTACTS WITH ZEIN AND OTHERS. HOWEVER, BELIEVE THIS PREFERABLE, AT LEAST AT THIS STAGE, TO LARGER IEG PARTICIPATION.

2. EMBASSIES ADDIS AND KHARTOUM HAVE DONE WELL TO KEEP USG PRESENCE IN CASE AS MINIMAL AS PRACTICABLE. THIS SHOULD CONTINUE TO BE PATTERN SO AS NOT TO INVITE "OFFICIAL" DEMANDS TO USG FROM ELF. AT SAME TIME, IN LIGHT OF PARTIAL
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TIES WITH ZEIN AND IN ERITREA, BELIEVE WE HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO INSERT OURSELVES AS MORE ACTIVE INTERMEDIARY. FACT THAT GRAHAM REMAINS IN AREA SHOULD MAKE IT POSSIBLE TO REINSERT HIM AND TENNECO, IF APPROPRIATE.

3. DEPT WILL MAINTAIN APPROPRIATE CONTACT WITH COMPANY HERE AND WILL CONTINUE TO RELY HEAVILY ON EMBASSIES ADDIS AND KHARTOUM FOR RECOMMENDATIONS ON LOGICAL NEXT STEPS.

4. WHILE TENNECO ACTION AND PRESS RELEASE WERE NOT CLEARED WITH DEPT, WE TEND TO AGREE WITH AMB. BREWER'S JUDGMENT THAT PRESS RELEASE MAY HAVE HAD USEFUL "SHOCK" EFFECT ON ELF. DEPT HAS CONVEYED INFO REFTEL B TO FREE-MAN AND INFORMED HIM THAT WE WILL WANT TO DISCUSS WITH TENNECO ANY FURTHER PRESS STATEMENTS PRIOR THEIR RELEASE TO ASSESS WHETHER THEY WILL SERVE USEFUL PURPOSE. GIVEN BAD TRACK RECORD OF ELF TO DATE, DEPT DOES NOT FAVOR ANY FURTHER SPECIFIC STATEMENT RECOGNIZING RELEASE OF PRISONERS OR RELATING TO RESUMPTION OF NEGOTIATIONS UNTIL RELEASE OF TWO CAPTIVES IS ACTUALLY EFFECTED. SISCO

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